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SUBJECT: APPEAL OF CONDEMNED THAIS

1) HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION CLERGY AND LAITY CONCERNED (CLC) HAS CONTACTED DEPARTMENT ABOUT CASE OF THREE YOUNG THAIS ARRESTED IN JUNE 1976 AFTER CLASH WITH POLICE IN NORTHEAST. CASE OF THONGCHAN SRINVAN, SAO SAOKAEW AND BUNRUANG SRIVDON WRITTEN UP IN REPORT BY THAILAND RELIGIOUS SOCIETY. ONE IS A YOUNG WOMAN WHO WAS REPORTEDLY BEATEN BY POLICE. TRIO REPORTEDLY CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION, RESISTING ARREST AND POSSESSION OF ARMS, IN MILITARY PROCEEDING, WERE CONDEMNED TO DEATH AND ABLE TO APPEAL THROUGH JULY 17. A JOURNALIST WHO INTERVIEWED THEM LAST YEAR REPORTED THEY WERE POOR AND HAD NO OUTSIDE CONTACTS OR LEGAL COUNSEL. CLC IS CONCERNED THAT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT PROCEED WITH THE EXECUTIONS WITHOUT AN APPEAL.

2. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS INFORMATION WHICH WOULD MILITATE
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AGAINST DOING SO, IT SHOULD RAISE THIS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE RTG OFFICIALS. FOR RTG NOT TO HEAR APPEAL WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH SPIRIT OF ASSURANCES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN EMBASSY ON FAIR TRIAL FOR ALL THOSE ARRESTED FOLLOWING OCT. 6 TROUBLES. IT WOULD ALSO BE INCONSISTENT WITH MORE POSITIVE TRENDS IN THAI HUMANE PRACTICES AS DESCRIBED BY DEPT IN RECENT HEARINGS BY FRASER

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